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*Report from Santiago—Inspection of vessels—Changes in sanitary organization—Summary of transactions for the month of September, 1907.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, October 1:

Week ended September 28. Bills of health issued to 5 vessels bound for the United States. No vessel was fumigated.

No quarantinable disease has been reported.

Radical changes have been made in sanitary matters. The following offices have been abolished: Medical inspector of the province, the local board of health, and the committee on infectious diseases. The duties of the last two have been given to the local chief of sanitation, with his three municipal medical inspectors. In case of doubt in the diagnosis of infectious diseases a physician from private practice may be called in consultation.

The title of medical inspector of the province has been changed, but his territory has been extended to include the adjoining province of Camagüey.

*Month of September, 1907.*

Bills of health issued.....	21
Outgoing vessels inspected (included in the above) .....	13
Members of crews.....	691
Passengers .....	338
Vessels fumigated.....	4
Immune certificates issued.....	18

GERMANY.

*Reports from Berlin—Cholera in Russia.*

The following are received from Consul-General Thackara, under dates of September 24 and October 2:

During the period from September 5 to 9, in the city of Astrakhan there were registered 230 new cases of cholera and 153 deaths, and in the governmental district of Astrakhan 432 cases with 275 deaths. To September 9 the total number of cholera cases in that region amounted to 1,663 cases with 849 deaths. In the city of Samara, to September 9, the total number of cases had increased to 267 with 127 deaths; in the city and district of Nizhni Novgorod 70 cases with 21 deaths, and 70 cases with 21 deaths, respectively, this being an increase since September 3 of 78 cases and 32 deaths. In Saratov from September 4 to 9 there occurred 38 new cases of cholera and 9 deaths. According to a report dated September 11 there were registered 4 cases of cholera in Baku with 1 death, together with 6 cases and 3 deaths on a steamer arrived from Astrakhan, so that the Russian Government has declared Baku as suspicious of cholera infection. In the government district of Kazan 3 cases of cholera were notified September 9. The cities of Saratov, Kamishin, and Kazan have been declared to be infected with cholera, and the governmental districts of Riazan, Tobolsk, and Viatka have been declared to be threatened with cholera.

In Moscow the nurse who attended the cholera patient, whose case has already been reported [see Public Health Reports, October 4, 1907, page 1407], became infected and died September 8. At the

railway station of Kursk, south of Moscow, a laborer who had arrived from Astrakhan died of cholera September 9. In Jaroslav, during the period from September 1 to 8, there were registered 7 cases of cholera. Sporadic cases were also reported from Simbirsk, Syzran, Jurino, and other parts of the Russian Empire.

According to official statistics published by the imperial health office at Berlin (Kaiserliche Gesundheitsamt), there were registered in the whole of the Russian Empire during the period from September 11 to 16, 837 fresh cases of cholera and 422 deaths, including 226 cases in the city of Astrakhan with 131 deaths.

On September 15 the plague commission issued a statement declaring the following places to be infected with cholera: Baku, Nikolajevsk (district of Samara), and the district of Zaritzyn.

According to a report of September 8 a case of cholera has occurred also in Lodz. On September 19, according to an official report, 2 persons died of cholera in Rostov on the Don.

#### GUATEMALA.

##### *Report from Livingston—Inspection of vessels.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wailes reports as follows:

Week ended October 2. Present officially estimated population, 3,500.

General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. No quarantinable disease present.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Oct. 1	Anselm .....	New Orleans.....	41	0	0	0
2	Belize.....	Mobile.....	18	0	0	0

#### HAWAII.

##### *Report from Honolulu—Examination of rats for plague infection.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Currie reports that during the week ended September 21, 128 rats were examined bacteriologically at the plague laboratory of the Service at Honolulu. Plague infection was not proven in any of the rats examined.

#### HONDURAS.

##### *Report from Ceiba, fruit port—Stegomyia calopus present.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Reynolds reports as follows:

Week ended September 29. Estimated population, 6,500. Mosquitoes abundant. *Stegomyia calopus* present in some parts of the city. The local sanitary board is using oil liberally, but continual showers have made the work less effective.